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SUBJECT: Universal Identifier Code; Interim Policy

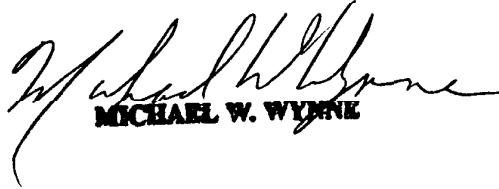
This memorandum establishes interim policy and provides clarification to the Under Secretaries of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) and (Comptroller) memorandum, subject *Universal Identifier Code*, dated 16 Aug 02. The establishment of a universal identifier code remains a necessity for identifying the acquisition, issuance, maintenance, storage, transfer, expenditure and/or disposal of tangible items and for ensuring the successful development of an end-to-end DoD Financial Management Enterprise Architecture (FMEA).

The IBM Team will continue analysis efforts for incorporation of recommendations into the DoD FMEA as well as future interim policy relative to establishment of universal identifier codes. Until the analysis is completed, all elements of the Department will continue to refrain from similar studies and should not issue any related policy or procedures.

DoD Components may acquire automated identification technology (AIT) equipment or change any systems to accommodate AIT provided that system changes are made in accordance with the USD(C) memo, subject *Systems Initiatives*, dated 12 Oct 01. Acquisition and sustainment managers are responsible for ensuring International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 15418 and 15434 data syntax and semantic standards are used for part and package marking to ensure interoperability with legacy and emerging DoD information management systems.



DoD Components seeking acquisition of new AIT applications or changing any systems to accommodate AIT not in conformance with guidelines cited above may request a waiver. Should you have any questions, please contact Lt Col Gregory Redick, Office of Acquisition Initiatives, 703-697-6399, or [Gregory.Redick@osd.mil](mailto:Gregory.Redick@osd.mil).



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